

WASHINGTON COUNTY RAP ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 17, 2015

Chairman Gary Sanders called the RAP Advisory Board to order at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, in the Conference Room of the Washington County Administration Building, 197 E. Tabernacle St., St. George, UT 84770. Those in attendance were: RAP Advisory Board; Gary Sanders, Summer Robertson, Todd Jones, Douglas Caputo, Allison Hunt, Clyde Johnston, and Richard Kohler. Others in attendance included; St. George Musical Theater Director, Bruce Bennett, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, Internal Clerk/Auditor Trevor Coombs, and Deputy County Clerk Cheyenne W. Bentley.

WELCOME: CHAIRMAN GARY SANDERS

Chairman Gary Sanders welcomed everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Motion: **Motion by Clyde Johnston to approve the minutes of November 3, 2015 with one small change. Motion seconded by Richard Kohler and carried by a unanimous vote.**

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

St. George Musical Theater- Tech Training Program

St. George Musical Theater Director Bruce Bennett requested to address the Board in regards to his application for RAP Tax funding. He expressed that he was unaware of the requirement to attach the budget summary worksheet, and therefore, didn't attach one. The Board was unsure what the requested \$38,000 dollars was intended on being used for. Mr. Bennett explained that the money was to be used to train additional needed technical staff, and by receiving the funding would allow for additional productions throughout the year. The Board felt that the program had merit for the arts and voted to further consider the application, but at a reduced funding amount.

St. George Musical Theater – Theater Camp for Kids

Mr. Bennett explained that the requested \$12,000 would be used to pay for instructors to teach kids theater during the summer. The cost would be very low, if not free for all children to come and learn the art of theater. Board member Todd Jones questioned if the Board did not recommend the exact amount requested whether the SGMT would still be able to complete the project. Mr. Bennett stated that if all requested funding is not awarded, they will still be able to do one (1) or two (2) of the workshops instead of a full summer of workshops. The board felt that project had substantial merit and will further evaluate the application, but likely at a reduced funding amount.

Dixie Arizona Strip-“Ranger Bart”
“Loving the Lacolith”
Pine Valley Heritage Center

While the Board felt the applications were well put together, they ultimately felt that they were more of a recreation venue rather than an arts or cultural venue and therefore, voted not to further consider any of the three (3) Dixie Arizona Strip applications.

St. George Ballet Company

The Board discussed that the requested funding amount will be used to replace costumes and sets for Act II of the Nutcracker. While the Board feels the Ballet Company has merit, they also mentioned that the Company generates a lot of revenue on its own. Ultimately, the Board voted to further consider the application but at a reduced funding amount.

Z-Arts

Z-Arts would use the awarded funding to commission a public statue. They are only seeking \$3,000 dollars for the project. The Board felt the project was reasonable and also had artistic merit and will further consider the application.

Celebrity Concert Series

Due to this requested being part of Dixie State University, the RAP Tax Board cannot fund the project due to it technically being a branch of The State of Utah. Therefore, the Board will no longer consider the application for funding.

Art Around the Corner

The requested funding for this organization will be used to pay the salary of a part time PR/ Sales Director. The art that the organization uses is on display throughout the city in hopes of it being sold. They are in need of a PR/ Sales director to help the pieces be seen by a larger amount of people. The Board felt this was a reasonable request and voted to further consider the application.

Art on Main- Gallery Stroll

This organization is using Art Around the Corner as a pass through, and in turn, benefits the Art Around the Corner gallery. The Board voted to further consider the application for funding.

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SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Next Scheduled RAP Meeting: December 1, 2015

Having no other business, the RAP Advisory Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

CHEYENNE W. BENTLEY
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

GARY SANDERS
CHAIRMAN